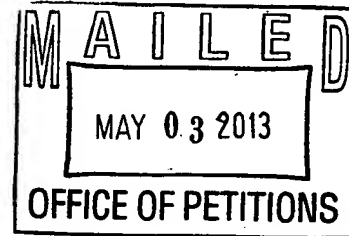




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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed April 3, 2013 under 37 CFR 1.378(c)<sup>1</sup>, to accept the delayed payment of the maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.378 (c) is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued on June 3, 2003. The second maintenance fee due could have been paid during the period from June 3, 2010 to December 2, 2010 or, with a surcharge during the period from December 3, 2010 to June 3, 2011. Accordingly, this patent expired on June 3, 2011 for failure to timely remit the second maintenance fee.

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision. Fees in the amount of \$3600.00 for the second maintenance fee and \$1,640.00 for the surcharge have been charged to deposit account no. 19-0741.

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<sup>1</sup> 37 CFR 1.378 (c) provides that a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee must be filed within twenty-four months of the six-month grace period provided in § 1.362(e) and must include:

- (1) The required maintenance fee set forth in § 1.20(e) through (g);
- (2) The surcharge set forth in § 1.20(l)(2); and
- (3) A statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional.